

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Tyagi *et al.*

Application No.: 10/687,402 Examiner: Fernandez, Susan Emily

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For: A SCREENING METHOD FOR DEVELOPING DRUGS
AGAINST PATHOGENIC MICROBES HAVING TWO-
COMPONENT SYSTEM

RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Official Action dated January 5, 2007 please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants request an extension of time for filing a response of three months up to and including July 5, 2007 and have included the appropriate extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1).

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 11.